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SUBJECT: HOTEL SHORTAGE - REQUEST TO DEFER TRAVEL TO TRINIDAD, NOVEMBER 2009

- 11. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will host the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November 2009. The meeting itself is November 27-29, but the run-up to the gathering, including related events, will begin several weeks earlier.
- 12. Hotel accommodations in Port of Spain, Trinidad will be scarce in November and rates will likely be well above normal per diem lodging costs. The Embassy cannot guarantee cost or availability during the stated period.
- 13. Official visitors and TDY travelers should be advised that hotel rooms in Port of Spain will be booked to capacity; requests for Post's assistance in obtaining reservation for that period will be virtually impossible to honor.
- $\P4$ . Travelers are requested to defer travel to Port of Spain until after November 2009.
- 15. All non-essential travel to Trinidad and Tobago is discouraged during this period.

MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CLINTON